## **Introduced by Senator Kuehl**

## February 24, 2006

An act to add Section 1356 to the Fish and Game Code, relating to wildlife conservation.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1686, as introduced, Kuehl. Wildlife conservation.

Under the Wildlife Conservation Law of 1947, the Wildlife Conservation Board may authorize the Department of Fish and Game or the State Public Works Board to acquire real property, rights in real property, water, or water rights for the benefit of wildlife. Under that law, money in the Wildlife Restoration Fund, which is continuously appropriated, is available for expenditure for those purposes.

This bill would authorize the board, when it prioritizes the use of available funds for proposed acquisitions, with regard to the priority of a proposal to acquire forestland, to consider and take into account the potential of that proposed acquisition to beneficially reduce or sequester greenhouse gas emissions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:* 

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1356 is added to the Fish and Game 2 Code, to read:
- 3 1356. The board, when it prioritizes the use of available funds
- 4 for proposed acquisitions, with regard to the priority of a
- 5 proposal to acquire forestland, may consider and take into

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- account the potential of that proposed acquisition to beneficially reduce or sequester greenhouse gas emissions.